

Board MeetingJune 8, 2021.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present: Dr. Bryan Bagdasian, Chairman
Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member
Dr. Charles A. Thayer, Board Member

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Executive Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant
Executive Director, Kevin Duquette, Daniel Syriala, Daniel Ross, Eileen
North, Brian McCracken, Michele Bousquet

Others Present: Maria Bartolomeu, Peter Richer

1. Motion: By Dr. Bagdasian to approve May Board Meeting Minutes with potential amendment. Dr. Thayer seconded. All in favor. So voted.

2. Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports were submitted for the Board's review:

Daniel Syriala reported everything is going well. He has been busy with inspections and installations.

Daniel Ross reported there has been a lot of nuisance calls.

Eileen North reported she has recently opened some new places. Temporary events are picking up. She is opening a food truck today called Christina's Cantina which will be in the Globe Liquors parking lot. It is a stationary food truck.

Brian McCracken reported routine inspections are going well. A lot of places are not open because they can't find help. There are been no COVID complaints and there are a flow of temp events coming in.

3. Public Health Nurse Monthly Report

Michelle Borrello not present for today's meeting. Heather Gallant reported that Michelle is at a clinic. Covid-19 activity is winding down. Everything is going well. More people are getting vaccinated and there has been a lot less calls. There were 2 dog bites and 1 cat bite. For communicable diseases there were 2 probable hepatitis B, 1 suspect hepatitis B, 3 probable hepatitis C, 9 confirmed TB and 2 revoked hepatitis C.

4. Assistant Executive Director Monthly Report

Adam Vickstrom reported that the month of May was fairly quiet. There seems to have been an increase in number of zoning board, planning board and DARB cases this month. He worked

with DEP on an illegal asbestos removal and is still in the works of being corrected. He has been helping the public with questions or any issues that may have.

5. Executive Director Monthly Report

Heather Gallant reported everything is going well. There has been a big decrease in Covid-19 activity. She has been working on permitting the 3 camps in Taunton which are Girls Inc, Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA.

6. Old Business:

a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill Updates:

- a. Kevin Duquette stated he doesn't have anything more to update. No changes have come across his desk. He has not received any complaints about what is going on at the landfill. There are no changes since last month's update.
- b. Waste Management – Peter Richer reported that they are proceeding with grading the remaining area. They have been maintaining the site and vegetation is growing well. They are looking to finish capping in 2022. Completed construction of the entire remaining area for capping will be done by the fourth quarter of 2022 and they will submit a close out report to DEP to review. Then once approval comes back from DEP site will officially be in the start of post closure care
- c. Fortistar- No representative present

b. Western Bristol County Tobacco Prevention Collaborative – Updates

Heather Gallant stated there is no new representative yet.

- c. **Medical / Recreational Use of Marijuana Update**- Heather Gallant stated there are no new updates. It is not regulated by the Board of Health. It is regulated by the State Cannabis Commission. She did note that the first delivery service in the state is based in Taunton.
- d. Miscellaneous Heather Gallant stated there is no miscellaneous old business.

7. New Business

a. Request by Maria Bartolomeu to discuss possibly amending the Taunton of Health Body Art Regulations to allow for certain types of permanent makeup.

The Board entertained a request for licensing permanent tattooing by a local business. After a learning session which outlined the differences between permanent tattooing/permanent makeup versus microblading, we discovered that this activity was already sanctioned by the Board of Health. At this time the business owner has been

instructed as to what are the next steps to proceed with obtaining a license to perform permanent tattooing/makeup in the City of Taunton.

b. Miscellaneous - none

8. Communications: Dr. Bagdasian presented an update on the MA Covid-19 Vaccine Program.

- 3,716,710 people in MA have been fully vaccinated
- 4,209,713 people have received a least one dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine
- Anyone age 12 or older who lives, works or studies in MA is eligible for vaccine
- Health care providers can also vaccinate their patient panels regardless of residency

9. Any Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance-

Dr. Thayer stated the City is rewriting its Charter. It is changing the way the Director is hired. He is serving notice to the Board about the substantial language in the new Charter that has been proposed that changes the relationship of the hiring personnel. He suggested that the Board might want to deliberate this at the next board meeting. Heather Gallant stated a copy of the Charter is on the City of Taunton's website homepage.

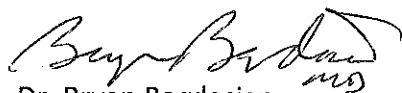
Schedule the Next Monthly Board Meeting:

Motion: By Dr. Bagdasian to skip July meeting and have the next meeting August 10th. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

The next monthly board meeting will be August 10, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Bryan Bagdasian
Chairman



Dr. Bruce E. Bodner
Board Member



Dr. Charles A. Thayer
Board Member